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1. RE PARA TWO REFTTEL, UNESCO IS AGREEABLE TO INCLUDING ONLY ONE (NOT TWO) NATIONAL COMMISSION STAFF OFFICERS IN OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 18, 1977 TRAINING COURSE BUT THIS MUST BE AT IO/UCS EXPENSE. SINCE US PARTICIPATED IN TRAINING COURSE AT UNESCO EXPENSE TWO YEARS AGO, SECRETARIAT IS OFFERING SLOT TO ANOTHER ENGLISH-SPEAKING NATIONAL COMMISSION. ON OTHER HAND, IO/UCS WILL BE INVITED AT UNESCO EXPENSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THREE-WEEK COLLECTIVE CONSULTATION (PARA 7113) NOW SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 1978. STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU (GUERRA) SEND COLLOTON TO TRAINING COURSE SINCE LATTER DEALS WITH PROGRAMMATIC DETAIL AND IS ORIENTED TOWARD MORE JUNIOR-LEVEL PERSONNEL AND THAT YOU ATTEND MARCH CONSULTATION WHICH IS FOR SENIOR-LEVEL NATIONAL COMMISSION PERSONNEL (EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OR THEIR DEPUTIES) AND IS STRUCTURED TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR INDIVIDUAL
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CONSULTATIONS WITH UNESCO OFFICIALS.

2. RE PARA THREE REFTTEL, US WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING ON ROLE OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS AS INFORMATION ORGANS NOW SCHEDULED FOR 28 NOVEMBER-1 DECEMBER 1977 IN PARIS. WILL BE RETURNING WITH PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND QUESTIONNAIRE WHICH MUST BE FILLED OUT

SHORTLY AND RETURNED TO UNESCO IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

3. RE PARA FOUR REFTEL, UNESCO IS PRESENTLY CIRCULATING TO NATIONAL COMMISSIONS A DRAFT NATIONAL COMMISSION CHARTER. COMMENTS ARE DUE IN UNESCO BY NOVEMBER 15, 1977. THIS ITEM, WHICH WAS TO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED AT 102ND EXBD SESSION, WILL NOW BE CONSIDERED AT 104TH, SPRING 1978 SESSION. THIS ITEM SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 18-19 NATIONAL COMMISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

4. RE PARA FIVE REFTEL, NINTH REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF ARAB NATIONAL COMMISSIONS WILL BE HELD IN RABAT, MOROCO IN MARCH 1978. NEXT CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE (I.E. LATIN AMERICA) WILL OCCUR IN 1981, LAST ONE HAVING TAKEN PLACE IN BOGOTA, COLOMBIA IN 1976. UNESCO HAS DISCONTINUED SUB-REGIONAL MEETINGS OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS FROM CARIBBEAN AREA BECAUSE OF LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES AND ADDED EXPENSE.

5. RE PARA SIX REFTEL, UNESCO HAS DISCONTINUED "GUIDE TO NATIONAL COMMISSIONS" WHICH WAS NOT USED BY NATIONAL COMMISSIONS. DIRECTORY, ON OTHER HAND, IS USEFUL REFERENCE TOOL, AND AN UPDATED VERSION HAS BEEN SENT TO IO/UCS. PROVISIONAL LIST OF UNESCO MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES UNCLASSIFIED

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ES FOR 1978 WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL DECEMBER 1977 OR JANUARY 1978 SINCE SECRETARIAT HAS NOT YET COMPLETED PROGRAMME AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR 1978.

6. RE PARA SEVEN REFTEL, ALL EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE AT APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF SECRETARIAT TO FLUSH OUT FUNDS FOR US PARTICIPATION PROGRAM REQUESTS. CHECKS SHOULD BE ARRIVING IO/UCS SHORTLY. SECRETARIAT INTENDS DISTRIBUTE SECOND ROUND OF PP FUNDS BY EARLY OCTOBER 1977 (NOT JANUARY 1978 AS ANTICIPATED), BUT THIS WILL NOT BE ADVERTISED. THEREFORE, IF NATIONAL COMMISSION WISHES OBTAIN ADDITIONAL PP FUNDS, IT MUST REQUEST THEM BY SEPTEMBER 15 AT LATEST.

7. RE PARA EIGHT REFTEL, INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON CULTURAL POLICIES WILL BE HELD BOGOTA, COLOMBIA IN EARLY 1978.
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